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But Not Dull

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To-day and to-morrow, fair. Warmer
to-day. Moderate west winds.

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COMMITTEE IGNORES COLONEL'S ATTACK

Members Express Resentment,
but, Seeing in Outburst a Con-
fession of Defeat, De-
cide Not to Reply.

TAFT TREND IS GROWING

Injustice of Southern Roosevelt
Contests and Increasing Be-
lief of "Raw Deal"
Bring Support to
the President.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.)
Chicago, June 9.—Colonel Roosevelt's denunciation of the Republican National Committee constituted the chief topic of discussion among the members of that organization and their friends to-day, and for a time the indignation waxed so hot that an informal conference of a majority of the members of the committee was held, at which the advisability of submitting to the National Committee a resolution replying to Mr. Roosevelt and expressing resentment at his unwarranted attack was proposed. Wiser counsel prevailed, however, and it was decided that the very violence of the colonel's condemnation carried with it what amounted to a confession of defeat. That the ex-president has been seriously deceived regarding the merit of his contests was generally accepted as the explanation of his denunciation.

It was further pointed out that the refutation of Mr. Roosevelt's denunciation of yesterday was furnished by his own statement of the day before, when he assured the newspaper men at Oyster Bay that at no time had he expected more than two delegates from Alabama. Inasmuch as the two delegates from the Third District are not contested and have declared their purpose to vote for him, it must have been those on whom he counted, and his statement of yesterday must be accepted, therefore, as merely an attempt to bolster up the statement of Senator Dixon, which he unconsciously repudiated when he announced that he had never expected more than two delegates from Alabama.

Think He Is a Bad Loser.

It was urged on the hottest heads among the committeemen, who deeply resent being classed with those who have been sent to the penitentiary for "that," that Mr. Roosevelt was once more merely demonstrating to the country that he was a bad loser; that it was obvious that it was not the decision in the 16th Alabama, but the realization that he was on the losing side of the fight which had aroused his anger.

Of course, Mr. Roosevelt's statement of yesterday has made it all the more unlikely that any stampede in his favor can be started in the convention, and to that extent it is an occasion of gratification to the Taft leaders. Those who come in contact with the members of the Republican National Committee from the South and with the Southern delegates realize how strong is the tie which binds the latter to their leaders.

It would be hard to find in any community a man more honored and respected than is General Powell Clayton, for instance, by the members of the Arkansas delegation, and, indeed, by all the Republicans of his state. The same is equally true of Colonel Duncan, of North Carolina, who is, and will continue to be, a Taft man.

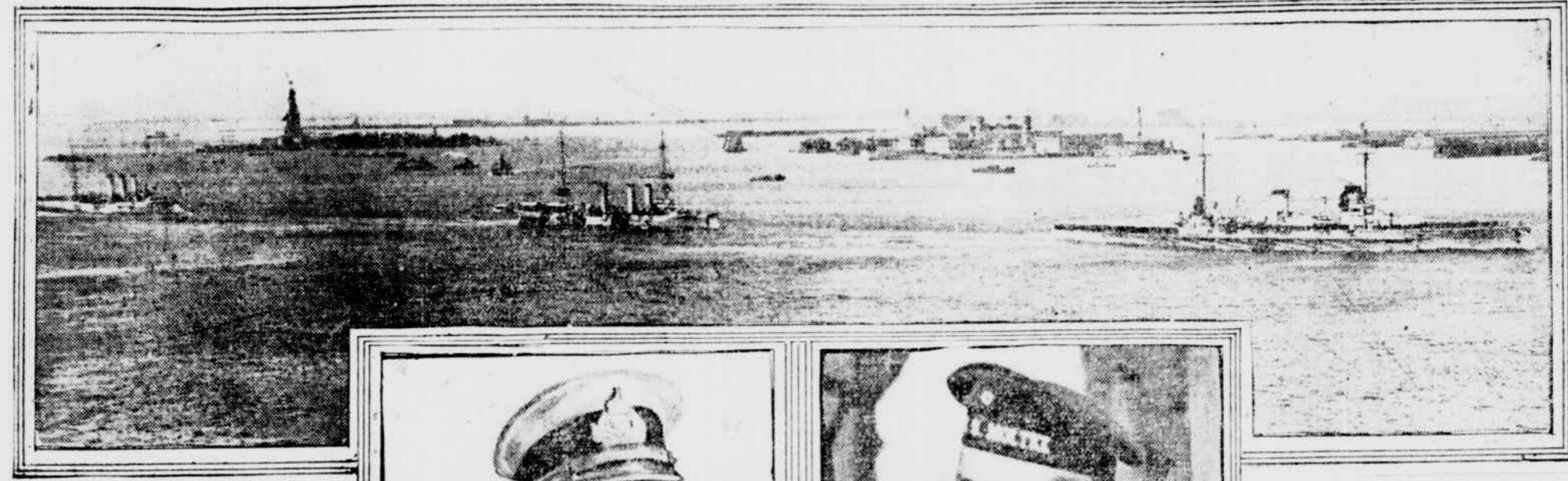
To have been Republicans, and especially active Republicans, in the South during the days when the bitterness growing out of reconstruction days had not abated and when feeling in that section ran high, means more than it does in the North, where to be a Republican has cost no sacrifice, and the men who have been elected national committeemen have, generally speaking, made many sacrifices which have endeared them to their followers.

Scarcely any of the Taft members of the committee would discuss to-day's meeting after it had been concluded, one however, said:

"We are going to stand on our actions regardless of the remarks of persons who are prejudiced and unfair. The work speaks for itself, and that is all there is to it. There is but one way to handle unreasonable people, and that is to ignore them."

THE VISITING GERMAN FLEET STEAMING UP THE NORTH RIVER YESTERDAY MORNING—FLAGSHIP MOLTKE, FOLLOWED BY CRUISERS STETTIN AND BREMEN.

Photographed by a Tribune photographer from the roof of the Whitehall Building.



NEVER-DO-WELL HELD FOR CHILD'S DEATH

Police Say Joseph J. McKenna
Admits Sigrid Eckstrom
Died in His Arms.

SUSPECTED FROM THE FIRST

Little Brother Gives Information
on Which Ex-Convict and
Deserter Is Arrested at
Father's Home.

Charged with the murder of little Sigrid Eckstrom, whose body was found Thursday night in the cellar of her home, No. 1677 Ogden avenue, Joseph J. McKenna, described by the police as a "never-do-well," at whom suspicion pointed from the first, was locked up in the Tombs last night.

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